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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan

SUBJECT: Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

The Department of Education is asked to cosponsor a number of conferences or events. I am notifying the Board of the following cosponsorships:

- Internationalizing Michigan Education Conference  
2008 Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children  
Annual Conference  
April as Month of the Young Child 2008

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## **COSPONSORSHIP**

**Title of Event:** Internationalizing Michigan Education Conference

**Primary Sponsoring Agency:** MSU

**Cosponsors:** Education Alliance of MI, Confucius Institute, US-China Center For Research on Educational Excellence at MSU, MSU College of Education

**Date:** April 18, 2008

**Location:** Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

**Purpose:** Help participants situate Michigan in the international context, with special emphasis on areas and cultures, mainland Asia, the Indian sub-continent, sub-Saharan Africa and South America, that are likely to provide the greatest opportunities and challenges over the next 50 years.

**Major Speaker(s):** Carol Cain (WWJTV in Det.) and L. Brooks Patterson

**Audience:** Students, teachers, other educators

**Staff Involvement:** Betty Underwood, Kathleen Straus

**Financial Obligation (please check):** Federal None State None Other

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**State Board Participation:** Yes, as invited guests

The following "Statement of Cosponsorship" will appear on the printed agenda for the meeting or conference:

Cosponsorship of a conference by the Michigan Department of Education assumes the active participation of Department of Education staff in the planning and development of the agenda. No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap. The conference facility must meet accessibility standards for the physically handicapped. Commercial products or services displayed or presented as a part of the conference are not considered endorsed by the Michigan Department of Education.

## **COSPONSORSHIP**

**Title of Event:** 2008 Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference

**Primary Sponsoring Agency:** Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children

**Cosponsors:** Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care (4C), Michigan Head Start Association, Michigan Early Childhood Professionals, Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators

**Date:** April 10-12, 2008

**Location:** Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Purpose:** To provide participants with current information regarding: research studies, effective teaching strategies, and supportive learning environments for young children and their families.

**Major Speaker(s):** Becky Bailey, Rhonda Greene, and Jim Gill

**Audience:** Early childhood teachers, administrators, support personnel and parents, including representatives of public and private schools, child care centers, Head Start, and training programs.

**Staff Involvement:** Staff from the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services will conduct presentations to disseminate information regarding state and federally-funded Michigan Department of Education programs and will present workshops on related topics.

**Financial Obligation (please check):** Federal ☒ State ☒ Other ☐

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days): \$2,436  
5 Staff @ 1 day; 2 Staff @ 3 days

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.): \$1,061  
Staff travel

**State Board Participation:** Yes, as invited guests

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## COSPONSORSHIP

Title of Event:	April as Month of the Young Child® 2008
Primary Sponsoring Agency:	Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children
Cosponsors:	See attached list.
Date:	April 1-30, 2008
Location:	Statewide observance through local and intermediate school districts and relevant community-based organizations
Purpose:	<p>It is proposed that the Michigan Department of Education recognize April 2008 as Month of the Young Child® in Michigan.</p> <p>Early Childhood Education and Family Services staff will assist in planning, organizing and arranging statewide observances and will forward materials electronically to local and intermediate school districts and relevant community-based organizations.</p>
Major Speaker(s):	Not applicable
Audience:	Early childhood educators, agencies, and organizations; parents; and child care providers
Staff Involvement:	One contracted consultant as a member of the planning committee.

Financial Obligation (please check):      Federal                      State                      Other

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days):      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.):      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**State Board Participation:** Not applicable

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**2008 Month of the Young Child® Sponsors  
(invited)**

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Michigan Department of Education  
Association for Child Development  
Child Abuse Prevention Services  
Children's Trust Fund  
Office of Children and Adult Licensing  
*Early On®* Michigan  
High/Scope Educational Research Foundation  
House Democratic Caucus  
House Republican Caucus  
League of Women Voters of Michigan  
Magic Ride  
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation  
Michigan 4C Association  
Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children  
Michigan Association of Children's Alliances  
Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators  
Michigan Child Care Task Force  
Michigan Coalition of Children and Families  
Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health  
Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency  
Michigan Department of Corrections  
Michigan Division of Early Childhood  
Michigan Family Independence Agency  
Michigan Head Start Association  
Michigan League of Human Services  
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Prevention Network  
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